[House Bill No. 303.]

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[By Mr. Miles.]

A BILL

To be entitled An Act for the further Organization of the Field Artillery of the Confederate States.

Section 1. The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That for the artillery of an army in the field there may be allowed such field officers, in addition to those already authorized by law, as the Secretary of War may approve, on recommendation of the Commanding General: Provided, That the whole number shall not exceed one major to command each battalion of two batteries; one colonel or one lieutenant colonel, aided by a major, to command each battalion of not less than three nor more than four batteries; and one colonel, aided by a lieutenant colonel and major, or by two majors, to command a battalion of not less than five nor more than six batteries; such battalions to be formed, changed or dispersed, at the discretion of the General commanding the army, with the sanction of the Secretary of War.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That in addition to general

officers of artillery already authorized by law, there may be appointed one major general, with the staff of a cavalry general of like grade, to command the artillery of an army in the field having not less than one hundred and sixty guns; and one brigadier general, with the staff of a cavalry general of like grade, to command the artillery of each army corps or department having as many as sixty-four guns.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That promotions in the artillery above the rank of captain shall in all cases be by selection.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That promotions to temporary rank may be made by selection to fill vacancies in all grades occasioned by disability, imprisonment in the hands of the enemy, or other cause occasioning temporary vacancies.